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News Advisory

Wisconsin's top enlisted service members to be honored Sunday, November 7, at State Capitol

Governor Jim Doyle will join Wisconsin's military leaders Sunday [Nov. 7] to recognize Wisconsin's top enlisted members of the seven reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces at the 40th Annual Military Achievement Awards program in Madison at a 12:00 noon ceremony at the State Capitol Rotunda.

Eighty-five service members will receive this award that annually recognizes enlisted members who meet exceptionally high standards for military job performance, leadership, military appearance and bearing, and citizenship. Recipients are members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve or Coast Guard Reserve and serve in units located in Wisconsin. The 2003 ceremony was cancelled due to world events, but both 2003 and 2004 recipients, family members, employers and friends will be honored Sunday.

Gov. Doyle, the commander-in-chief of the Wisconsin National Guard will be the ceremony's featured speaker. He will also present the awards, assisted by Wisconsin's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Al Wilkening and Jim Rebholz, the state chairman of the Wisconsin Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve — sponsor of the awards program. In addition, senior leaders of each reserve component will attend.

The Wisconsin Military Achievement Award program is the only multi-branch awards program of its kind in the nation. Since the program began in 1964, nearly 2,000 Wisconsin Guard and Reserve members have received the award for their military service and achievement.

The program begins at noon in the Capitol Rotunda and will last just under one hour. The ceremony also features the Wisconsin National Guard's 132nd Army Band.

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EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: News media representatives are welcome to cover the event. Following the one-hour program there will be a reception in the Rotunda for award winners, military officials and guests. Participants will be available for interviews during the reception. A complete list of winners is attached.

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2003-2004 Wisconsin Military Achievement Award Winners

Pfc. Sara Bartlein (now 2nd Lt.)

Det. 1, HHC, 132nd Spt Bn
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Green Bay

Sgt. Jason Baumann

482nd Medical Logistics Det.
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Fond Du Lac

Sgt. Martin Beausoleil

Troop E, 105th Calvary
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Merrill

Sgt. Rebecca Bender

Det. 1, Co. B, 132nd Spt Bn
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Holmen

**Electronics Technician First Class Joseph
Bergner Jr**

NR Fleet Support Training Unit 3716
U.S. Naval Reserve
Residence: DePere

Tech. Sergeant Christopher Blaszak

440th Security Forces Squadron
Air Force Reserve Command
Residence: Milwaukee

Sgt. Justin Bomkamp

Co. C, 1st Bn., 128th Infantry
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Highland

Sergeant First Class Samuel Brandt

1st Training Support Bn., 338th Regiment, 2nd
Brigade, 85th Division
US Army Reserve
Residence: Valparaiso, Ind

Master Sgt. Frederick Busdicker

115th Fighter Wing
Wisconsin Air National Guard
Residence: Morris

Sgt. Tim Campshure

Det. 3, Bulk Fuel Co. B, 6th Engineer Support
Bn., 4th Marine Division
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Residence: Oconto Falls

Senior Airman Lesley Carhart

440th Airlift Wing Logistics Group
Air Force Reserve Command
Residence: Naperville, Ill.

Spc. Joshua Christensen

998th Quartermaster Co.
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Nekoosa

Staff Sgt. Christopher Corbin

Co. B, 132nd Support Bn.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: West Salem

Cpl. Patrick Crum

Det. 3, Bulk Fuel Co. B, 6th Engineer Support
Bn., 4th Marine Division
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Residence: Crandon

Sgt. Bobbi Cullen

998th Quartermaster Co.
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Marshfield

Master Sgt. John DeGroot

440th Communications Flight
Air Force Reserve Command
Residence: Mount Prospect, Ill.

Staff Sgt. Heath Dickinson

NCO Academy, 84th Division
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Tomah

Marine Science Technician Third Class

Kenneth Dooley

U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office
U.S. Coast Guard Reserve
Residence: Waukesha

2003-2004 Wisconsin Military Achievement Award Winners (con't.)

Sgt. 1st Class Todd Effinger
107th Maintenance Co.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Viroqua

Sgt. Andrew Elgersma
1st Bn., 126th Field Artillery
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Scandinavia

Sgt. Stuart Engelke
Det. 1, 229th Engineer Co.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Belmont

Sgt. Jeffrey Erisman
Co. B, 118th Medical Bn.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Waukesha

Staff Sgt. Paul Formolo
32nd Military Police Co.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Milwaukee

**Petty Officer 1st Class Boatswainmate
Christopher Fox**
Coast Guard Station Milwaukee
U.S. Coast Guard Reserve
Residence: Franklin, Tenn.

Petty Officer 1st Class Benjamin Franklin
Mobile Construction Bn. 25, Det. 1025
U.S. Naval Reserve
Residence: Whitewater

Sgt. Kimberly Freimark
Headquarters Co. 1st Bn., 147th Aviation
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Oconomowoc

Sgt. Steven Gutierrez
482nd Medical Logistics Det.
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Eau Claire

Spc. Darren Habermehl
Battery B, 1st Bn., 126th Field Artillery
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Oak Creek

**Hospital Corpsmen First Class Christopher
Hanson**
Fleet Hospital Great Lakes Det. 36
U.S. Naval Reserve
Residence: Baraboo

Cpl. Jason Hass
Fox Co., 2 Bn., 24th Marines, 4th Marine
Division
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Residence: Hales Corners

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Hilgendorf
Det. 4, Joint Force Headquarters
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Reedsburg

Senior Airman Malia Hoffman
34th Aerial Port Squadron
Air Force Reserve Command
Residence: Depere

Staff Sgt. Ryan Hudson
Headquarters Co., 132nd Support Bn.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Portage

Cadet Bryan Huebsch
Headquarters Co., 32nd Infantry Brigade
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Stevens Point

Staff Sgt. Timothy Humpal
128th Air Refueling Wing
Wisconsin Air National Guard
Residence: West Bend

Sgt. Daniel Jackan
Det. 1, Headquarters Battery, 1st Bn., 126th
Field Artillery
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Madison

Cadet Mark Jepsen
Battery A, 1st Bn., 120th Field Artillery
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Marshfield

2003-2004 Wisconsin Military Achievement Award Winners (con't.)

Staff Sgt. Troy Johnson

Battery B, 1st Bn., 120th Field Artillery
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Little Chute

Senior Airman Tiffany Jones

95th Airlift Squadron
Air Force Reserve Command
Residence: West Allis

Sgt. Scott Kainz

229th Engineer Co.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Stoddard

Tech. Sgt. David Kind

128th Air Control Squadron
Wisconsin Air National Guard
Residence: Madison

Sgt. Nicholes Klitzka

998th Quartermaster Co.
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Wausau

Senior Airman Shawn Kneeland

115th Fighter Wing
Wisconsin Air National Guard
Residence: Fond Du Lac

Sgt. Samantha Kotula

232nd Personnel Services Det.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Portage

Information Technology Specialist First Class

Brian Kronberg

Amphibious Group 2, Det. 313
U.S. Naval Reserve
Residence: Milwaukee

Staff Sgt. Justin Kuchar

NCO Academy, 84th Division
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Sparta

Cpl. Eric Link

Golf Co., 2nd Bn., 24th Marines, 4th Marine
Division
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Residence: Columbus

Sgt. Daniel Marena

Co. C, 2nd Bn., 128th Infantry
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Baraboo

Sgt. Kerry McAllen

Det. 1, Headquarters Co., 132nd Support Bn.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Madison

Sgt. Michael Meilahn

HQs 2nd Bn., 274th Reg., 2nd Bde., 84th Div.
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Fond Du Lac

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Merten

1st Training Support Bn., 338th Regiment, 2nd
Brigade, 85th Division
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Tomah

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Meyers

Co. B, 1st Bn., 128th Infantry
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Haugen

Chief Storekeeper Jeffrey Nelson

Navy Information Bureau, Det. 173
U.S. Naval Reserve
Residence: Kenosha

Sgt. William Nething

Battery B, 1st Bn., 121st Field Artillery
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Manitowoc

Staff Sgt. Russel Nyberg

264th Engineer Group
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Eau Claire

2003-2004 Wisconsin Military Achievement Award Winners (con't.)

Chief Petty Officer Paul Phillips

U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office
U.S. Coast Guard Reserve
Residence: Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Machinery Technician Chief John Poker

Coast Guard Station Sheboygan
U.S. Coast Guard Reserve
Residence: Oostburg

Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Preder

57th Field Artillery
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Waldo

Staff Sgt. Carl Pregel

Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 128th Infantry
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Holmen

Sgt. Joseph Rasmussen

32nd Engineer Co.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Eau Claire

Senior Master Sgt Philip Rentmeester

Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center
Wisconsin Air National Guard
Residence: Wausau

Master Sgt. Jeffery Roeder

440th Security Forces Squadron
Air Force Reserve Command
Residence: Menasha

Senior Master Sgt Jeffrey Rohloff

128th Air Refueling Wing
Wisconsin Air National Guard
Residence: Greenfield

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Schiffman

998th Quartermaster Co.
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Waunakee

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Schoen

Public Affairs Office, Secretary of the Air Force
Air Force Reserve Command
Residence: Grafton

Gunners Mate Daniel Scholler

Inshore Boat Unit 11, Amphibious Construction
Bn. 1, Det. 116
U.S. Naval Reserve
Residence: LaCrosse

Lance Cpl. Darrick Sewell

Fox Co., 2 Bn., 24th Marines, 4th Marine
Division
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Residence: Waukesha

Staff Sgt. Michael Shankey

998th Quartermaster Co.
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Black River Falls

Sgt. Johnny Simmons

Det. 1, Co. D, 109th Aviation
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Hartford

Senior Airman Nathan Simonis

128th Air Control Squadron
Wisconsin Air National Guard
Residence: Platteville

Staff Sgt. Spencer Swearingen

Co. E, 2nd Bn., 334th Reg, 2nd Bde, 84th Div.
U.S. Army Reserve
Residence: Morton, Ill.

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Thomas Jr.

Battery A, 1st Bn., 126th Field Artillery
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Bristol

Tech. Sgt. Douglas Tremain

Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center
Wisconsin Air National Guard
Residence: Mauston

Sgt. Elizabeth Vacek

32nd Military Police Co.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Holmen

2003-2004 Wisconsin Military Achievement Award Winners (con't.)

Sgt. Carlos Valentin

232nd Personnel Services Det.
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Madison

Senior Airman Kristina Villwock

128th Air Refueling Wing
Wisconsin Air National Guard
Residence: Muskego

Sgt. Christopher Voelker

Co. D, 1st Bn., 128th Infantry
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Ellsworth

Sgt. Kari Wagner

Headquarters Co. 1st Bn., 147th Aviation
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: McFarland

Sgt. Nathaniel Weier

Joint Force Headquarters
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Mineral Point

Cpl. Andrew Wentworth

Golf Co., 2nd Bn., 24th Marines, 4th Marine
Division
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
Residence: Wales

Sgt. Benjamin Wenzel

Co. D, 1st Bn., 147th Aviation
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: Pardeeville

Master Sgt. William Westling

95th Airlift Squadron
Air Force Reserve Command
Residence: Cedarburg

**Chief Damage Controlman Todd
Wiesendanger**

NR Fleet Support Training Unit 3716
U.S. Naval Reserve
Residence: Woodruff

Master Sgt. Delbert Williams

128th Air Refueling Wing
Wisconsin Air National Guard
Residence: Milwaukee

Sgt. 1st Class Adam Wohlwend

1st Bn. (Field Artillery), 426th Leadership
Regiment
Wisconsin Army National Guard
Residence: LaCrosse